

Alexandria Gazette.

TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 16, 1904.

Local Matters.

Sun rises tomorrow at 6:58 a. m. and sets at 5:43 p. m. - High water at 8:12 a. m. and 8:27 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section fair, continued cold tonight. Wednesday fair; not so cold; light to fresh north to northeast winds.

THE POTOMAC RIVER.

Delegation to Appear Before River and Harbor Committee.

Mr. M. E. Harlow, president of the Business Men's League, has been actively engaged for some time in efforts to induce Congress to direct attention to the Potomac river. Considerable money is appropriated every year for rivers and harbors in different parts of the country, which the Potomac, which leads to the capital of the nation, is seldom taken into consideration. Recently an appropriation was made for constructing a channel through the Kettle Bottoms, and that work having been commenced, other appropriations will doubtless be made to continue the work.

Mr. J. F. Rixey was recently notified by Mr. J. H. Cassidy, clerk of the committee on river and harbors, that it had been decided to fix Friday, February 19, at 10:30 a. m., as the time to hear a delegation from Alexandria in the interests of Potomac river improvements, and Mr. Rixey promptly informed Mr. Harlow of that fact.

Mr. Harlow, upon the receipt of the above, appointed the following-named gentlemen to appear before the committee on Friday, February 19, at 10:30. Messrs. Geo. L. Simpson, Park Agnew, W. A. Smoot, Robert Porter, Geo. D. Hopkins, E. L. Cockrill, Wm. M. Reardon, Frank S. Harper, Chas. King, Geo. R. Hill, John P. Robinson, John W. May, A. D. Brockett, E. E. Dowham, J. Marriott Hill, Henry Strauss, Wm. B. Smoot, F. J. Pafl, C. C. Leadbeater, E. L. Daingerfield, Julian T. Burke, Chas. R. Hooff, E. C. Nicol, Hubert Snowden, Wm. A. Smoot, Jr., Joseph L. Crupper, A. J. Wedderburn, Marshall L. King, Wm. F. Carne, Peter Atcheson, Thos. J. Fannon, T. Alton Moore, Henry F. Robertson, Walter Roberts, John R. Zimmerman, Henry K. Field, C. W. Vattles, and J. R. N. Curtin.

These gentlemen will leave here on the 9:30 train on the 19th.

Mr. Park Agnew, who is a member of the Washington Board of Trade, is arranging to have a large delegation of the members of the board of that city present at the hearing.

The object of the delegation is to have the channel of the river widened from 200 to 400 feet and the depth of water increased from 25 to 30 feet.

LENT.

The season of Lent commemorating the forty days fast of the Saviour begins tomorrow, which in the church calendar is known as Ash Wednesday. The name is the outgrowth of the old custom observed in Catholic churches and in some of the high Episcopal churches of sprinkling the forehead with ashes. This ceremony is performed with the purpose of reminding the faithful that they are but dust, and no matter how far they may indulge pride and love of self, they will return to dust, from which their origin obtained. While spreading the forehead with ashes the priests repeat in Latin the words, "Remember, man, thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return." In the lesson of this day the church endeavors to lay before its people the necessity of taking advantage of each and every opportunity for furthering the cause of Christianity, and exhorts them not to defer their sincere conversion. The Lenten season is especially observed in the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches and during the season services will be held as follows:

Ash Wednesday—St. Mary's Church, at 6:30 and 8:30 a. m.; Christ Church, 11 a. m.; St. Paul's, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Grace, 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Services during Lent will be held as follows:

St. Mary's—Daily, at 6:30 and 7 a. m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Father Sullivan, C. S. P., will preach the sermons on all the Tuesday nights of that season. Father Sullivan has given two successful missions in this city.

Christ Church—Tuesdays, 5:15 p. m.; Thursdays, 8:00 p. m.; Fridays, (Liturgy) 5:15 p. m. On Thursday night of this week, Rev. Dr. Evans, of Richmond, will preach.

St. Paul's—Tuesdays, at 4:30 p. m.; Wednesdays, at 7:30 p. m.; Thursdays, at 4:30 p. m.; Fridays, at 4:30 p. m.; Grace—Wednesdays, at 7:45 p. m., sermons by visiting clergymen; Thursdays, at 7 a. m.; Fridays, at 10 a. m.

As Immanuel Lutheran Church is without a pastor at present, no services have yet been arranged for that church.

The River.

The river rose over against last night. The Norfolk steamer passed up at an early hour this morning and opened a track. Her wake opposite this city, however, was solid again before she reached Washington. Later the government tugboat Tecumseh, with a barge passed down and again opened the channel. Half an hour later the fragments of ice had clogged and froze together, rendering the surface of the river as impassable as ever. The transfer tugboat Brewerton subsequently made trips between this city and Shepherds.

Honoring St. Valentine.

A number of youths in different quarters of the city determined not to allow St. Valentine's Day to pass unremembered, and last night, notwithstanding the keen northwest wind and frigid conditions, they ran from house to house slipping caricatures under doors. It mattered not to the youngsters whether the misses were appropriate or suggestive; hence some persons, sober and sedate, received pictures of dudes, girls in their teens old maids, &c., &c. But few sentimental devices were received.

Circuit Court for the County.

As Monday will be the Twenty-second of February, a holiday, Judge Nicol will not open the February term of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county on that day but will defer the time until Tuesday, the 23d, at 10 o'clock. Judge Nicol expects to be in this city on the Twenty-second, and believing that many county people will want to see the parade on that day, will defer the opening of his court for one day.

GONE TO ROANOKE.

Alexandria Light Infantry Summoned to Roanoke—Order a Surprise to Many—Forty-five Men Gather at the Armory on Regular Drill Night and Ordered to Prepare to Leave the City—Large Crowd Bid them Adieu.

The members of the Alexandria Light Infantry (company G of the Seventieth Virginia regiment) were last night for the second time within the past six months ordered to prepare for active service by proceeding to a distant city to aid in the preservation of the peace. The order came late in the afternoon from Adjutant General Nalle of the State militia, and it being the regular drill night, most members of the command knew nothing of what was going on until they arrived at the hall. It was then they became aware of the fact that they would be in Roanoke this morning guarding the negro Johnson, who made a murderous assault upon Mrs. Shields and her daughter a week or two ago.

The soldier boys, while surprised to hear of the order and anticipating the festivities of the approaching 23d of February parade, took the matter in good humor and began preparations for their journey. The orders directed that each man be provided with two days' rations and twenty rounds of ammunition. From 8 o'clock until nearly 11, when the command started for the Southern Railway station, on south Henry street, the armory and vicinity was thronged with people, while several hundred gathered at the railroad station to bid the soldiers good-by. The company, under Capt. King and Lieut. Cochran and Slaymaker, left on the Washington Southwestern vestibuled limited, to which a special coach was attached in this city. There were scheduled to arrive in Roanoke at nine o'clock this morning. They seemed to be a martial spirit in some of the younger generation who have not yet assumed the physical proportions of soldiers. Some wanted to go despite parental interdictions, and in two cases the fathers of families had to stay at the depot until the train left in order to keep their youngsters home.

W., A. & Mt. V. Railway.

The annual report of the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company has been submitted to the Senate. It shows the following facts in relation to the road: capital stock, \$500,000; capital stock paid in, \$500,000; total funded debt, \$700,000 average rate of interest 5 per cent, dividends declared, \$20,000; miles of road, single track, operated in the District 1.80 miles length of double track, 90 miles number of cars operated in District, 9; motors, 12; passengers carried, District of Columbia during year, 1,561,158; expense of operating road in District, \$7,505; receipts from passenger-fare in District, \$26,260; 41; receipts from other sources, \$280.07; maintenance and repairs in District, \$1,480.70; payments for interest, \$35,000; persons injured in District, 1, by lamp bursting. The list of stockholders of the road and number of shares held by each follows: Griffith E. Abbott, 128; Park Agnew, 150; Mary B. Agnew, 1; Griffith E. Abbott, trustee for J. S. Swartz et al., 8; Griffith E. Abbott, Jr., et al., 109; James R. Caton, 133; Joseph Crawford, 10; John Cassels, 50; Joseph U. Crawford, 50; Joseph Colvin, 100; Frank K. Hipple, 174; George F. Huff, 100; Michael B. Harlow, 34; Clarence P. King, 250; Edward R. King, 50; David C. Leach estate, 28; Frederick, 128; Mount Vernon Construction Company, 3,501; Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 3,980; William A. Patton, 100; Sutherland M. Prevost, 100; Chas. E. Pugh, 100; John W. Pittcock, 50; G. Brinton Roberts, 50; Samuel Rea, 50; Walter G. Rogers, 10; James S. Swartz, 128; Jacob K. Swartz, 40; William B. Schofield, 50; Frederick H. Treat, 50; David E. Williams, 50; total 10,000.

Fairfax Court Notes.

Judge Nicol and Mr. F. W. Richardson, clerk of the Fairfax Court, were in this city today when the judge made the following appointments for Fairfax county:

J. D. DeBell, B. F. Johnson and W. M. Veale, members of the electoral board.

J. R. Blake, school trustee for the electoral board.

Dr. W. P. Moncre, commissioner of accounts for the Circuit Court of the County.

W. T. Oliver, one of the commissioners in chancery, to be bail commissioner.

R. E. Thornton, one of the commissioners in chancery, to be present at the drawing of juries.

The judge designated the March and September terms to be regular grand jury terms, and the March, May, September and November terms to be jury terms, at which all cases for which juries shall be required shall be tried.

Judge Nicol omits the July term till the further order of court or the judge thereof in vacation.

Wedding.

Mr. Wm. F. Finke, civil engineer of the Washington division of the Southern Railway, and Miss Mattie Lee Aitchison, daughter of Mr. Andrew Aitchison, were married yesterday evening at the residence of the bride, southwest corner of Duke and Lee streets. Rev. P. P. Phillips officiated. Only the immediate relatives of the families and intimate friends were present. The bride was attired in a tailor-made traveling suit of zibeline and carried American beauty roses. The newly-married couple held a reception after the ceremony. They were the recipients of many useful and costly presents. Later Mr. and Mrs. Finke left on a bridal trip through the South. While away they will visit Havana. Both bride and groom are well-known and popular Alexandrians and their many friends tender sincere congratulations.

Hall Thieves.

The stealing of overcoats in halls has naturally exasperated the victims of the sneak thieves, and the police are diligently at work endeavoring to capture some of them. Of course those bent on such depredations keep close espionage on the officers, and while the latter are endeavoring, as far as possible, to afford protection, they find it impossible to keep watch on every house. Two coats have been taken from racks since Saturday night, and so far, the thieves have escaped identification.

THE COMING PARADE.

Route of Procession Prepared—Letters From Distinguished Men Accepting Invitations—Final Preparations for Celebration.

Another meeting of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association was held last night.

The secretary reported that Judge Barley, who will be Gen. Lee's chief of staff, has decided upon the following route of parade, and the report was adopted:

Form on Queen street, right resting on Washington; move south on Washington to Cameron; thence west on Cameron to Alfred; south on Alfred to King; east on King to Royal; north on Royal to Cameron; east on Cameron to Fairfax; south on Fairfax to King; west on King to Patrick; south on Patrick to Prince; east on Prince to Fairfax; south on Fairfax to Duke; west on Duke to Pitt; south on Pitt to Wolfe; west on Wolfe to St. Asaph; north on St. Asaph to Duke; west on Duke to Payne; north on Payne to King; east on King to Washington; north on Washington, past the reviewing stand, which will be located near the intersection of Washington and Cameron streets, and then disband.

A letter was read from Gov. Montague, stating that he expected to be present with as many members of his staff as could find it convenient to come, and one from Congressman H. D. Flood accepting the invitation of the committee to attend the celebration. Commissioner Macfarland, of the District of Columbia, and Maj. L. H. Reichelderfer, commanding the Second Battalion of the D. C. N. G., will in all probability be present.

The chairman of the committee on transportation stated that the electric railway company had placed at the disposal of the committee a special car for members of Congress, the District Commissioners and such other prominent guests from Washington as may be designated.

The visiting military organizations will be quartered in the armory, on south Royal street, and the Hill building, on north Lee street, where every preparation has been made for the comfort of the soldiers.

Mr. T. C. Smith, cashier of the Alexandria National Bank, has tendered the use of the third floor of the bank building to the press committee.

Personal.

Capt. E. R. Boyer, of Rathbone Co. left this morning for Petersburg to attend the annual convention of the Va. Brigade, U. R. K. of P.

Mr. Albert Fletcher, a prominent citizen of Warrenton and who is well-known in this city, is seriously ill and was yesterday sent to Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willis are in New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras. Mr. F. G. Rogers, of Philadelphia, is visiting her brother, Mr. E. C. Joyce, on King street.

Rev. T. J. Wilson, of Newport News, is a guest of Rev. Father H. J. Cutler, of St. Mary's Church paragonage.

Fire at St. Elmo.

Shortly after two o'clock this afternoon the roof of the postoffice building at St. Elmo was found to be burning, and a message was sent to this city for aid. Mayor Simpson directed Chief Petty to take the Relief Hook and Ladder truck to the scene, but in the meantime employees at St. Asaph had hastened to the building and with the aid of an extinguisher subdued the flames, not, however, until the structure had been somewhat damaged. The postoffice, in charge of Mrs. Haus, is opposite the switch tower of the Washington-Southern Railway at W. & O. Junction. The fire is supposed to have resulted from a spark from a passing engine. The loss will not exceed \$100.

The New Bank.

Judge Nicol, president of the new Alexandria National Bank, was in the city today. He said a meeting of the directors of the institution will be held next Monday. It was hoped that the building now in the hands of the contractors would be ready for the bank to have been opened for business yesterday but owing to the continued cold weather and the difficulty in securing material, partially on account of the big fire in Baltimore, the opening will be deferred till the first of March.

Revival Services.

The revival services in the M. E. Church South last night were of the same interesting nature as the preceding, considerable interest having been manifested and the discourses listened to with close attention. Rev. Mr. Blakemore, of Epworth Church, Washington, occupied the pulpit. The services will be continued tonight.

Personal Property.

A report of State Auditor Mayne just issued shows the value of personal property owned by white and colored people in the State to be: White, \$113,065,447; colored, \$4,658,968. Alexandria is put down as: White, \$1,131,939; colored, \$5,650.

Continued Cold Weather.

The northwest wind which set in yesterday forced the mercury down again, and this morning at half-past seven o'clock it was resting at 9°. The river froze across, and all traces of yesterday's partial thaw were obliterated.

Acknowledgment.

Mayor Simpson has received a letter from Mayor McLane, of Baltimore, returning thanks for the kindly expressions of sympathy extended Baltimore by the citizens of Alexandria, on the account of the big fire.

An Early Riser.

A strong, healthy, active constitution depends largely on the condition of the liver. The famous little pills known as Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers not only cleanse the system but they strengthen the action of the liver and rebuild the tissues supporting that organ. Little Early Risers are easy to act, they never grip and yet they are absolutely certain to produce results that are satisfactory in all cases. Sold by all druggists.

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DRY GOODS.

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10th, 11th & F Sts N W.

Until further notice, store will close at 5:30 p. m.

To-day, Continuing Wednesday and Thursday.

Spring Opening of Baby Clothes.

Baby Coats, Party Dresses and Christening Robes.

There are French Dresses starting at two dollars, with every little tuck and stitch put in by hand. The fine things are here, exquisite frocks, trimmed with real lace, and bits of hand embroidery, as high as \$22.50.

We are Also Exhibiting Elegant Imported Novelties

For spring, in Women's Paris Lingerie, Paris Corsets, Matinee, Camilles, Peignoirs, Roulour Gowns, Negligees, Tea Gowns, Kimonos, Kimono Jackets, Dressing and Breakfast Sackies, &c. Also elegant Silk Petticoats for street and evening wear.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Pancake Day. The mercury at 3 o'clock this evening registered 20°.

Twelve lodgers were at the station house last night. A meeting of the Friendship Fire Company will be held tomorrow at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Christopher Lyles is seriously ill at his home in this city. He is suffering from pneumonia.

Virginia Dixon, colored, wife of Whiteley Dixon, died at her home near the Theological Seminary yesterday.

There was but one case before Justice Caton this morning, that of George Parker, colored, charged with assaulting and beating his wife. He was dismissed, as the plaintiff failed to appear.

A little daughter of Mr. John Nugent while visiting her grandmother on south Pitt street today was painfully burned by the upsetting of a kettle of hot water. Dr. Jones attended the child.

Special meeting of the Big Sandy Company, and the Elkhorn Coal and Coke Company were held in this city today to consider the matter of a reduction of the capital stock of these companies.

Ladies of the Macabees met in their hall on north Columbus street yesterday afternoon at half-past two o'clock at which time the drill was put on and other features of interest were brought before the live.

At the meeting of Alexandria Tent No. 2, Knights of the Macabees, held last night in Odd Fellows' Hall, three candidates were initiated and several applications for membership received. The excursion this year will be given to Marshall Hall on Tuesday, July 26.

The glass-making plants located here obtain the sand they use from the beds of the Severn river, near Annapolis, Md., but an effort, it is said, is to be made to find sand fit for glass making nearer home. It is believed that such sand exists on the Potomac, and parties interested in glass-making will soon make prospecting tours.

Mr. Robert Travers will have shad, herring and trout in market tomorrow.

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A very pretty Suit of All-wool Cheviot, made with the new style Eton jacket. Perfect vest and trimmed with narrow braid and white broadcloth around collar; full skirt, with inverted pleats at bottom of skirt, finished with narrow braid to match jacket. Actual value, \$23.50. Special, \$19.50.

A very nobby Suit of All-wool Scotch Mixture; jacket 25 inches in length, collarless, with stitched Pearl de Soie around collar and finished with black silk braid, taffeta lined; skirt made very full, with inverted pleats at bottom of skirt, finished with braid to match jacket. Actual value, \$28.50. Special, \$25.00.

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